

# Wichita Musicians' Association

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LOCAL No. 297, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

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October 29, 1947

Mr. Vernon E. Reed, Leader  
KFH Ark Valley Boys  
KFH Building  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Vernon:

The Traveling Representative of the American Federation of Musicians on his last trip thru here brought up the point that contracts for the Ark Valley Boys engagements were contrary to A. F. of M. rules and regulations and that he was referring the matter to Petrillo's office. I have received information from the President's office that the contracts for employment of our members must be signed by the actual purchaser of the music and between the leader of the orchestra. In other words we cannot accept contracts signed by ~~KFH~~ Radio Station KFH Company as the employer on the miscellaneous engagements that the Ark Valley Boys play. For example on the recent Chisholm Trail Jubilee the dances in the Rose Room called for a contract between you as leader of the orchestra and the Lions Club who I understood had charge of the enterprize. When you play for the Loc-Mor Club of El Dorado then the contract should be signed by W. E. Moore as Loc-Mor Club and then by you. Your attention is called to the following by-law of the A. F. of M. "A leader or contractor shall not accept any engagement through a booker, agent, personal or other representative or manger who does not hold a license from the American Federation of Musicians".

Therefore effective now, please see that contracts filed with this office for engagements from November 1 on are in accord with the above instructions.

Fraternally yours,

*H. Kenneth Watson*  
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Secretary-Treasurer

cc to Russel L. Lowe, Publicity Director  
Radio Station KFH Company